



LOUTH RURAL DISTRICT.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1941.

1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Medical Officer of Health	- W.J.Wilkinson M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P.
Sanitary Inspector	- A.H.Coulter, C.R.S.I.
Meat & Milk Inspector	- A.H.Adams, M.R.C.V.S.

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

Area	- 153,129 acres.
Population, Census 1931	- 16,681
Estimated by Registrar General 1940	- 15,920.
Number of Parishes	- 79
Number of Inhabited Houses Census 1931	- 4,620
- do - December 31 1940	- 4,708
Rateable Value at December 31st. 1941	- £50,885.
Sum represented by Penny Rate	- £224.

3. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Births</u>	M.	F.	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000.</u>
	159.	150.	309	18.8.

Birth Rate for England & Wales - 14.2

<u>Deaths</u>	M	F.	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000.</u>
	109	120	229.	14.3.

Death Rate for England & Wales - 12.9.

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age.

Louth Rural District	- 55 per 1,000 births.
England & Wales	- 59 per 1,000 births.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth.

From sepsis	- nil
From other causes	- nil.

4. INFECTIOUS DISEASES (Civilians only)

	<u>Cases notified</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever	15	8	-
Diphtheria	1	1	-
Erysipelas	5	-	-
Chickenpox	9	-	-
Tuberculosis	4	-	5
Pneumonia	3	-	7
Measles	98	-	-
Whooping Cough	42	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	2	2	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	1	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-



4. (Cont.)

Non Civilians.

The following cases were notified:-

Scarlet Fever	-	3
Diphtheria	-	3
Chickenpox	-	1
Pneumonia	-	3
Erysipelas	-	1
Measles	-	17
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	1
Tuberculosis	-	1
Typhoid Fever	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	1

DIPHTHERIA.

Only one case was notified during the year as against 14 - 1940, so it appears as if the immunisation although incomplete, was already having a beneficial result.

Immunisation.

No. of cases done in 1940.

- (a) Children under 5 years of age. - 140
(b) Children between 5 and 14 years of age - 1169
Total percentage immunised up to December 31st. 1941.
Children under 5 years of age - 15%
Children between 5 & 15 years - 71%

5. FOOD SUPPLY.

Mr. Adams reports that the arrangements for the supply of milk and meat in the district are quite satisfactory.

Several complaints as to the condition of cowsheds were received in the Spring and inspections by members of the committee showed that owing to War Conditions many of them did not search a sufficient standard of cleanliness. Warnings were issued and further inspections showed that conditions were greatly improved and are now satisfactory.

6. The water supply of the district was as usual very satisfactory. Analyses of the Public Supplies at Binbrook, and Manby, were uniformly good.

7. POLLUTION OF RIVERS.


The Beck at Grimoldby was polluted again by effluent from Mr. Harrison's Dairy but after he had been warned that legal action would be taken, he took the necessary steps to abate the nuisance, and the condition is now satisfactory.

8. HOUSING.

No houses were built during the year.

W.J.Wilkinson.

Medical Officer of Health.



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APPENDIX.

Causes of Death in the RURAL DISTRICT of LOUTH during
the year 1941.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
ALL CAUSES:-	109	120.
1. Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers.	-	-
2. Measles.	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever.	-	-
4. Whooping Cough.	-	-
5. Diphtheria.	-	-
6. Influenza	-	-
7. Encephalitis lethargica	-	-
8. Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	-
9. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	2	2
10. Other Tuberculous disease	-	1
11. Syphilitic Diseases	-	1
12. Cancer (malignant disease)	11	17
13. Diabetes	-	-
14. Cerebral haemorrhage, &c	17	10
15. Heart disease	32	30
16. Aneurysm	-	-
17. Other circulatory diseases	1	5
18. Bronchitis	5	8
19. Pneumonia (all forms)	2	5
20. Other respiratory diseases	-	1
21. Peptic Ulcer	3	1
22. Diarrhoea &c (under 2 years)	1	-
23. Appendicitis	-	1
24. Cirrhosis of liver	-	-
25. Other diseases of liver &c	-	-
26. Other digestive diseases	4	2
27. Acute and chronic nephritis	1	3
28. Puerperal sepsis	-	-
29. Other puerperal causes	-	-
30. Congenital debility and malformation premature birth.	7	3
31. Suicide.	-	-
32. Other violence	5	4
33. All other causes	18	26

